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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW

SUBJECT: BRANDT VISIT

REF: STATE 61792

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED EMBARGOED TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE (REFTEL PARA 2) 10:00 HOURS, APRIL 4, TO CHANCELLERY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO SAID FRG WOULD RELEASE TEXT WITH EMBARGO FOR 1600 HOURS BONN TIME. OFFICIAL NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT PRESS STORIES DATELINED SAN CLEMENTE HAD ALREADY APPEARED REPORTING CHANCELLOR'S MAY 1-2 TRIP. IT IS LIKELY THAT BRANDT'S VISIT TO THE US WILL BE MENTIONED DURING TODAY'S BUNDESTAG DEBATE IN ORDER TO DEFLECT OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF " GOVERNMENT TOLERANCE OF ANTI-AMERICANISM".

2. CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT US, AS HOST, WOULD SOON, THROUGH FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, OFFER SUGGESTIONS ON PROGRAM FOR TALKS; BONN COULD THEN COMMENT. OFFICIAL SAID CHANCELLERY ASSUMES THERE WILL BE INITIAL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR AND PARALLEL MEETING BETWEEN SCHEEL AND THE SECRETARY. GERMANS ASSUME THAT PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR WILL, IN COURSE OF THEIR SECOND MEETING, ASK SCHEEL AND THE SECRETARY TO JOIN THEIR CONVERSATION.

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3. OUR SOURCES TELL US THE FRG ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BRANDT' S VISIT. THEY ALSO UNIFORMLY PREDICT THAT BRANDT WILL, DURING THE UPCOMING SPD PARTY MEETING IN HANNOVER, STRONGLY CONDEMN MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI- AMERICANISM AND RADICALISM WITHIN THE SPD.
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